## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Melvin A. Park

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## **AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the August 25, 2003, Office Action in the above-identified case, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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